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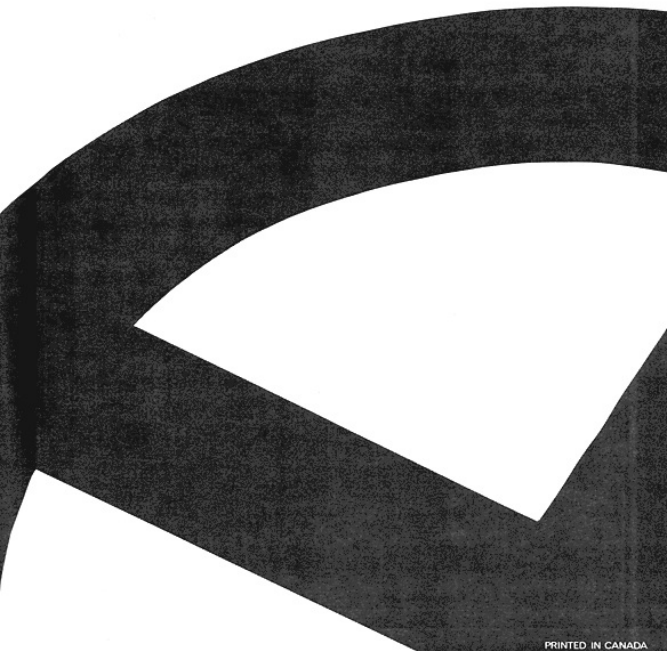
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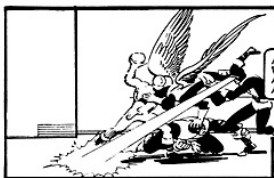
HATE. IT'S NOT A WORD WE LIKE TO HEAR. IT'S A WORD SOME WOULD LIKE TO PRETEND DOESN'T EXIST-BUT NOT READERS OF THE X-MEN.

IN THE X-MEN, HATE BECOMES ANOTHER WORD FOR THE ANTI-MUTANT BIGOTRY THAT REARS ITS UGLY HEAD IN ALMOST EVERY ISSUE. IT'S HATE THAT THE X-MEN FIGHT, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LIVE WHAT THEY BELIEVE ARE NORMAL LIVES. AND IN LIGHT OF THAT, THE WORLD LOVES THESE CHARACTERS. THEY LOVE PROFESSOR XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS. THEY LOVE THE DANGER ROOM. THEY LOVE THE X-MEN'S ENMIES-MAGNETO, SABRETOOTH, THE SENTINELS.

AND PERHAPS THAT'S WHY WE LOVE THE X-MEN, THE TEAM SWORN TO PROTECT A WORLD THAT HATES AND FEARS THEM. THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THEM. SOMETHING THAT TOUCHES US MORE THAN ANY OTHER COMIC. SOMETHING THAT GIVES US HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE. SOMETHING REAL.

BOB HARRAS
X-MEN GROUP EDITOR.





MY NAME IS PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER.

AND THOSE MUTANTS WHO FOLLOW ME AND FIGHT FOR PEACE ARE THE X-MEN.

FOOLS! I CAN DEFEAT ANY FOE... NO MATTER HOW SUPERHUMAN HE MAY BE!

I STARTED THE CHARLES XAVIER SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS TO TRAIN MUTANTS TO WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM, AND TO PROTECT THE WORLD FROM THOSE WHOSE FEAR AND HATRED THREATENED THE PEACE AND HAPPINESS OF OUR PLANET. MY FIRST STUDENTS WERE CYCLOPS, BEAST, ICEMAN, ANGEL AND MARVEL GIRL.

BUT THEIR LESSONS WERE BARELY BEGUN WHEN WE FACED OUR FIRST THREAT--MAGNETO, MASTER OF MAGNETISM.



BUT AFTER HIS FIRST DEFEAT, MAGNETO FORMED THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS, A DARKER VERSION OF MY X-MEN. WE BATTLED MANY OTHER STRANGE AND POWERFUL MENACES.



WITH THE USE OF THE MUTANT-DETECTING CEREBO, A COMPUTER OF MY DESIGN, WE DISCOVERED MANY MORE FRIENDS AND FOES.

MY HALF-BROTHER, THE UNSTOPPABLE JUGGERNAUT, WAS ONE OF THE FOES.



I REALIZED THAT MUTANTS AND HUMANS WOULD NEED TO LEARN TO *TRUST* EACH OTHER IF THEY WERE TO LIVE TOGETHER. I KNEW MANY INDIVIDUALS--HUMAN AND MUTANT--WOULD *NEVER* BE ABLE TO GIVE UP THEIR HATE, THEIR FEAR.

ONLY BY WORKING *TOGETHER* COULD WE OVERCOME HATE AND FEAR. ONLY BY *COMBINING* ALL OUR TALENTS COULD WE CHANGE THE WORLD AND MAKE IT A SAFE PLACE FOR *ALL* PEOPLE, OF ANY RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, OR GENETIC STRUCTURE.

THERE WERE ALWAYS OTHERS--HUMANS AS WELL AS MUTANTS--WHO DID NOT SHARE MY DREAM.

AN ANTHROPOLOGIST NAMED BOLIVAR TRASK SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE "MUTANT MENACE". AND, SEEMINGLY OVERNIGHT, THE X-MEN BECAME VIRTUAL PUBLIC ENEMIES. TRASK HAD CREATED GIANT ROBOTIC SENTINELS TO COMBAT THIS "MENACE." BUT THINGS QUICKLY GOT OUT OF HAND. INSTEAD OF PROTECTING HUMANITY, THE SENTINELS-- LED BY THEIR MASTER MOLD-- SET OUT TO CONQUER IT.



TRASK SACRIFICED HIS LIFE TO DESTROY HIS REBELLIOUS CREATIONS--AND THAT EPIC BATTLE ALSO KILLED ICEMAN AS WELL.

LOOKING BACK ON THOSE DAYS, IT SEEMS LIKE WE WERE CONSTANTLY FIGHTING SOME NEW MUTANT MENACE OR SUPER-VILLAIN.



THE BATTLES FORGED MY X-MEN INTO A TEAM. THEY GREW FROM UNTRAINED STUDENTS INTO A MIGHTY FORCE FOR GOOD. AT A COST, THOUGH--THEY HAD NO TIME FOR NORMAL LIVES.

WHILE OTHER TEEN-AGERS FROLICKED AND FELL IN LOVE, THE X-MEN FOUGHT FOR JUSTICE.



AND THEN, ONE DAY, THEY LEFT FOR A MISSION... AND ONLY CYCLOPS RETURNED.

I FOUND IT
NECESSARY TO
RECRUIT
NEW
X-MEN.

KURT WAGNER--NIGHTCRAWLER-- AGILE AS THE BEAST AND POSSESSING THE
ABILITY TO TELEPORT. ORDO--STORM-- AN ELEMENTAL, ABLE TO CONTROL
THE WEATHER. PETER RASPUTIN-- COLOSSUS-- ABLE TO TRANSFORM HIS
BODY INTO NEAR-INVULNERABLE ORGANIC STEEL. JOHN PROUDSTAR--
THUNDERBOLT-- FAST, STRONG, AGILE, A SUPER-TRACKER.



WOLVERINE-- WITH
THE HYPER-SENSES
OF AN ANIMAL, PLUS
AN UNBREAKABLE
ADAMANTINE SKELETON
AND CLAWS. SEAN
CASSIDY--BANSHEE--
MASTER OF THE SONIC
SCREAM, AND SUNFIRE--
ABLE TO GENERATE
NUCLEAR FIREBOLTS.

THE NEW TEAM'S FIRST MISSION
WAS TO RESCUE THE OLD FROM
THE CLUTCHES OF A LIVING ISLAND--



-- A MUTANT COLONY CREATURE
THAT CALLED ITSELF KRAKOA.

THINGS WERE RELATIVELY PEACEFUL FOR THE X-MEN AFTER THAT. BUT NOTHING LASTS FOREVER.



THE FORCES OF HATE NEVER REST.

PREPARE TO FACE YOUR DOOM, MUTANTS...

-- FOR THE SENTINELS HAVE RETURNED!

MORE ADVENTURES FOLLOWED...



WE HELPED KA-ZAR SAVE THE SAVAGE LAND. HELPED SUNFIRE SAVE JAPAN. AND MET THE CANADIAN SUPER-HERO GROUP ALPHA FLIGHT.



THEN, I WAS CONTACTED BY A PRINCESS OF THE ALIEN SH'AR EMPIRE--

--LILANDRA.

MY X-MEN DESTROYED THE NEO-SENTINELS IN OUTER SPACE. BUT OUR SHUTTLE WAS BOMBARDED WITH RADIATION. THE X-MEN WERE SAFE IN AN ANTI-RADIATION CELL. BUT JEAN GREY, MARVEL GIRL, WAS ON THE UNPROTECTED FLIGHT DECK.

NOTHING HUMAN COULD HAVE SURVIVED THAT RADIATION.

NOTHING REMOTELY HUMAN DID.

HEAR ME X-MEN!

NO LONGER AM I THE WOMAN YOU KNEW!

I AM FIRE! AND LIFE INCARNATE! NOW AND FOREVER...

-- I AM phoenix!

WE HELPED END THEIR CIVIL WAR--AND JEAN GREY, NOW CALLED PHOENIX, SAVED THE UNIVERSE IN THE PROCESS. BUT SHE BECAME TOO POWERFUL, AND ALSO INADVERTENTLY WIPE OUT AN ENTIRE STAR SYSTEM.

LILANDRA DECIDED TO ELIMINATE PHOENIX FOR THE SAFETY OF THE UNIVERSE.

WHEN HER IMPERIAL GUARD FAILED JEAN FINISHED THE JOB HERSELF

SCOTT!

JEAN!

TIME CHANGES ALL OF US. CYCLOPS WAS DEVASTATED BY THE DEATH OF HIS LOVE, JEAN. STORM BECAME LEADER OF THE X-MEN.



NEW MUTANTS JOINED THE TEAM.



ROGUE, PSYLOCKE, GAMBIT. EACH WITH A MYSTERIOUS PAST.



THE EVIL APOCALYPSE CHANGED ANGEL INTO ARCHANGEL.

BISHOP, AN X-MAN FROM THE FUTURE, JOINED OUR RANKS.



JUBILEE BROUGHT BACK THE YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE TO THE X-MEN, WHILE BEAST AND CYCLOPS RETURNED TO PROVIDE THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ORIGINAL TEAM.



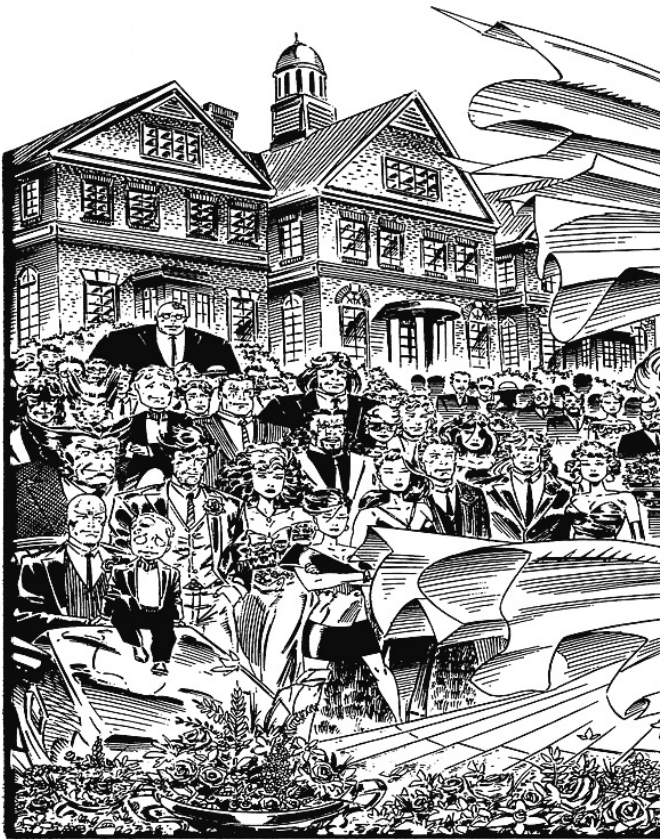
WE WERE COMPLETE. EVEN JEAN HAD MIRACULOUSLY RETURNED TO US, BUT MY THOUGHTS WERE FILLED WITH DREAD, BECAUSE MAGNETO HAD RETURNED AS WELL.

THIS TIME, THE MASTER OF MAGNETISM USED HIS POWER TO EXTRACT WOLVERINE'S ADAMANTIUM SKELETON, LEAVING LOGAN A BROKEN MAN.



BUT IN MAGNETO'S SAVAGE ATTACK, I BROKE AS WELL. AND VOWED THAT MAGNUS WOULD NEVER AGAIN HARM THOSE I LOVED.





SEEING JEAN MARRIED TO SCOTT AFTER SO MANY YEARS, WATCHING AS SEAN BEGAN TEACHING A NEW GENERATION OF MUTANTS HOW TO COPE WITH THE WORLD, AND KNOWING THAT, AT LAST, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, THE THREAT OF MAGNETO HAD ENDED, I CAN'T HELP BELIEVING THAT MY X-MEN, MY DREAM, HAD COME FULL CIRCLE.



X-MEN[®]

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BELIEF AND
GENETIC HERITAGE.



X-FACTOR

HAVOK! POLARIS!
RANDOM! RAHNE! FORMED
BY THE ORIGINAL X-MEN,
X-FACTOR HAS TAKEN THE PLACE
OF FREEDOM FORCE, BECOMING
A UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONED TEAM
OF MUTANTS WHO TROUBLE-SHOOT THE
MOST DANGEROUS THREATS AROUND THE
WORLD. THEY HOPE THAT THE GOOD THEY
DO WILL SLOW THE TIDE OF ANTI-MUTANT
BIGOTRY ENCROUCHING UPON THEIR WORLD.



CANNONBALL! BOOMER! SIRYN!
WARPATH! UNDER THE MILITARY
PROWESS OF CYCLOPS' SON,
CABLE, THE SECOND GENERATION
OF MUTANTS FIGHT TO TRANSFORM
THEIR WORLD'S BIGOTRY AGAINST
MUTANTS INTO ACCEPTANCE
....BY FORCE WHEN NECESSARY.

X-FORCE



EXCALIBUR

NIGHTCRAWLER! KITTY PRYDE!
DAYTRIPPER! BRITANIC! TAPESTRY! OFF
THE COAST OF SCOTLAND LIES MUIR
ISLAND, HOME AND LABORATORY OF
THE EUROPEAN-BASED EXCALIBUR.
AND WHILE EXCALIBUR DEFENDS
ITSELF FROM THE ATTACKS OF EVIL
MUTANTS, RESIDENT SCIENTISTS
MOIRA MACTAGGERT AND THE
RECENTLY ARRIVED CHARLES XAVIER
WORK ROUND THE CLOCK TO DISCOVER
A CURE FOR THE LEGACY VIRUS,
A TERMINAL DISEASE
ATTACKING THE MUTANT GENE
_WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.







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